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Applicants: BAETTIG et al.

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Serial No.: 10/671,811

Examiner: R. Desai

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For: COPPER COMPLEX MONOAZO DYES AND THEIR PREPARTION AND USE

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Date: March 15, 2005

AMENDMENT

Sir/Madame:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Claim 8 and 9 have been amended, and new independent Claim 10 has been added. Applicant originally paid for 6 independent claims. Although a new independent claim has been added, the dependency of claim 9 has been amended herein. Claim 9 was originally filed as an independent claim and now depends upon Claim 8. Therefore no additional fees are due.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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preparation may also be obtained for example by desalting of the reaction solution after dye coupling (see Applicant's specification at page 10, lines 6 - 9).

An ink for ink jet printing contains, in addition to the dyes, other compounds (see example 2) such as water, glycerol, propylene glycol, surfactants and biocides.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claims 7-9 as written are proper and are not indefinite.

In view of the above arguments, the Applicants believe they have overcome both the anticipation and indefiniteness rejections. Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants hereby request reconsideration of this application and allowance of pending claims 1-10. If a telephone interview would be useful to advance this case, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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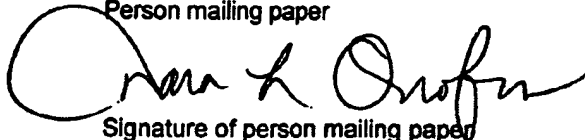
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